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CLERK: Mr. President, with respect to LB 149, the Enrollment and Review amendments were considered and adopted. Senator Wickersham had moved to indefinitely postpone the bill. Senator Bohlke laid the bill over. That's the first motion this morning, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: (Microphone not activated immediately.) ...draw that motion.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The motion is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kristensen would move to amend the bill. (AM0715 is found on page 878 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kristensen, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I assume, by this morning, most of you have gotten a frantic panic call from your superintendent. Obviously, the K-12 educational lobby has probably visited with you. I suppose part of it is "the British are coming, the British are coming, one by land, two by sea," they're here to storm the state aid bill and we're not going to get our money, and we're going to create terrible calamity, we're going to create instability, and that you won't have state aid to schools. Now, that's an exaggeration and I do it just for the point that I'm sure most of you do have a call, and I want to assure you the funds that you're going to get on the blue sheet with the Kristensen amendment are still going to happen. You're going to get those amounts of money. If the bill passes, becomes law, we're not talking about taking away the blue sheet monies that you're going to get this year. This amendment is designed for a very specific purpose. After our debate the other day, it became very clear to me that there's a number of people, and I believe them to be statewide as well as members in the Legislature, who knew it but really maybe didn't pause to think about it, what we're really doing here. And it isn't that there's a flaw in